

The regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on february 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm at the township hall. Meeting called to order by supervisor. After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, roll call was taken: Members present: D Berens, K Berens, Miller, K Smalligan, Stocking. Absent: none. There was a motion by Stocking, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All yes, agenda approved.

There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens, to approve the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 regular meeting. All yes, minutes approved.

There was no public comment at this time.

Berens gave the treasurer's report including bills to be paid. Do to mistakes in billing from the road commission, there is still \$10,739.09 owed to the road commission. There was a motion by Stocking, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Smalligan to transfer \$10,000.00 from general fund to road fund, to accept the report and approve the bills including the balance to the road commission. Roll call vote; YES: D Berens, K Berens, Miller, K Smalligan, Stocking. NO, none. Motion passed.

Clerk said that the audit has been completed and a letter stating what the township was going to do to correct the deficiencies was sent to the state. Clerk also reported that there will be a school (NCRESA and Fremont) election in May. The county is looking a new systems to replace the optical scanner used in elections. The May election will still use the old system. Clerk and treasurer had looked at an accounting software system that is used by Lincoln township and the fire department.

Supervisor said that he had received a letter from the road commission stating that the township would receive \$3,125.00 from the county for dust control. The money must be used for dust control. There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Berens to accept the money and use for dust control. Roll call vote; YES: D Berens, K Berens, Miller, K Smalligan, Stocking. NO, none. Motion passed. Someone from the road commission will be at our March meeting to discuss road work for the coming summer. Supervisor also asked the board to authorize him to go to a seminar at Mt Pleasant for a cost of \$178.00. there was a motion by K Smalligan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to approve the seminar for the supervisor and pay the cost. Roll call vote; YES: D Berens, K Berens, Miller, K Smalligan, Stocking. NO, none. Motion passed.

Trustees had nothing to report at this time.

Miller handed out the fire run report from Fremont.

Doug Berens said the PZC is working on the junk ordinance and had elected Al Smalligan as chair and Dean VanOstenberg as secretary.

The building inspector gave his report. He had written 0 permits and had 2 inspections. He said he needed to purchase the new state building code books. The total cost for the books is \$246.00 There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Berens to approve the purchase of the books. Roll call vote; YES: D Berens, K Berens, Miller, K Smalligan, Stocking. NO, none. Motion passed.

Kukal gave the zoning administrator's report. Three permits had been written. Kukal presented the board with a zoning complaint form that he wanted the board to consider using. He said Garfield township uses the form now. Miller said in his opinion, if a written complaint is required, it will cut down on the number of complaints. There was some discussion about the complaint form and its possible effects. Miller said that when he received a complaint, he would do a visit and give a copy of the section of the ordinance that is in violation. If it is not corrected, a violation notice is written . There was a motion by K Berens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to adopt the zoning

administrator complaint form as presented for a trial basis until September 4<sup>th</sup> of this year and then be re-evaluated. Roll call vote; YES: D Berens, K Berens, Stocking. NO: Miller, K Smalligan. Motion passed. Miller updated the board on the dilapidated buildings. The Redman property is up for tax sale and pre our lawyer, we should not do anything until after the sale. Miller said he has contacted Folkema about the barns but hasn't gotten any answer. He said if we go to court, the zoning administrator can not condemn a building, the building inspector must condemn the building. Gary Smalligan said per the building code, farm buildings are exempt from the dilapidated building ordinance. The township can not condemn them. Miller said that the Folkema property would be taken off of the dilapidated buildings list. The township lawyer will draft a letter to Shirley Heyt about removal of the trailers on her property. The deadline will be April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to remove them or the township may take further legal action.

Chenard gave the report on the sewer authority. The equipment in the testing lab will be sold. The testing of the water is out-sourced and the lab is not used. They are also getting prices for work to be done per the asset management plan. The new generator will be in by the end of March.

S Stroven said that the organizational meeting for the board of review was March 7<sup>th</sup> and the public hearings are March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

There was nothing new from the cemetery. K DeVisser said he would look at the tractor at Reeman equip.

G Smalligan said that the proposed grant from the Fremont Foundation for the warning light on M-37 for the fire department had been denied. He said that M-DOT may pay for light and that it would be solar powered.

Miller went over possible township roads that may be considered for this year for repair. He will get up-dated bids for the March meeting. He also wanted to consider doing Sherman Ave and Chippewa Trail.

The zoning ordinance and list of boards is now posted on the web site. The links on the left side of the page do not work.

Under public comment, Betty Chenard said she didn't think the complaint form would help with zoning violations. She said that the way Roman did it before was working. If the complaints are filed, they would be public information and anyone could look at them.

Jon Bumbstead said that the new state representative had the same office staff and phone number as he did. He said that he may run for state senate in 2 years.

Bill Bowen asked about the flood hazard maps. He was told to contact the Emergency Services Dept at the county for information.

Under township board comments, Doug Berens said that Marv Deur, Chad Kukal, and himself would attend a zoning seminar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm Submitted by: Murry D Stocking clerk

Visitors to meeting:	Gary Smalligan	Stan Stroven	Lee Hoppa	Karl DeVisser	Butch Deur
Dick Chenard	Betty Chenard	Chad Kukal	Bob Berens	Bill Bowen	Jon Bumbstead

	<i>Gen fund</i>	<i>*(Fire protect)</i>	<i>*(Fire station)</i>	<i>*(Cryst lake)</i>	<i>*(Mayo dr)</i>	<i>*(Rob lk)</i>
Starting bal	60,039.72	10,124.23	2,632.43	29,225.94	5,743.86	11,415.63
Receipts	4,173.67			0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditures	-23,820.74			-1,125.00	-200.00	0.00
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b><i>New balance</i></b>	<b><i>40,392.65</i></b>	<b><i>10,124.23</i></b>	<b><i>2,632.43</i></b>	<b><i>28,100.94</i></b>	<b><i>5,543.86</i></b>	<b><i>11,415.63</i></b>

\*Fire protection, Fire station, Crystal Lake, Mayo Drive, Robinson Lake monies are kept in general fund account but not shown in General Fund total.

	<i>Cem fund</i>	<i>Fire run</i>	<i>Cap aq fund</i>	<i>Road fund</i>	<i>Win tax fund</i>	<i>Sum tax fund</i>
Starting bal	2,473.95	3,618.79	11,841.31	8,458.66	157,586.40	15,231.61
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	685,488.29	8,300.74
Expenditures	-22.57	0.00	0.00	-10,739.09	-617,860.12	-7,183.51
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b><i>New balance</i></b>	<b><i>2,451.38</i></b>	<b><i>3,618.79</i></b>	<b><i>11,841.31</i></b>	<b><i>7,719.57</i></b>	<b><i>225,214.57</i></b>	<b><i>16,348.84</i></b>



CEMETERY FUND TRANSACTIONS

Rec

Ck 1710      xxxx  
                  22.57    CPCo

ROAD FUND TRANSACTIONS

Rec 14437      10,000.00    Gen fund trans  
  
 Ck 1110      10,739.09    Rd comm

CAP ACQ FUND TRANSACTIONS.

SUMMER TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS

1346            1,250.85    Co treas  
 1347            5,932.66    Co treas  
                  7,183.51  
                  xxxxx  
 Rec 14406-89    565.19  
 14410            23.11  
 14411            1,464.50  
 14414            2,659.50  
 14415            470.76  
 14423-94        435.00  
 14427            937.71  
 14430            652.97  
 14431            319.05  
 14436            772.95  
                  8,300.74

FIRE RUN COLLECTION TRANSACTIONS

Rec

WINTER TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS

Ck 1786	85,697.30	Fremont schools	Rec 14401-36	17,560.63
1787	60,932.84	Wc schools	14402	18,258.63
1788	16,953.87	Newaygo co	14403	22,224.30
1789	51,623.83	NCRESA	14404	86,837.51
1790	12,198.12	Library	14405-40	57,432.41
1791	175,353.63	Fremont schools	14407	15,383.46
1792	48,973.30	Wc school	14409	17,012.02
1793	34,866.68	Newaygo co	14412	30,268.95
1794	106,173.21	NCRESA	14413	22,871.17
1795	25,087.34	Library	14416-45	1,501.23
	617,860.12		14418	63,932.62
			14419	9,038.92
			14420	35,966.66
			14422	45,675.68
			14424	55,102.24
			14425	30,436.56
			14426	50,661.17
			14428	74,900.88
			14429	998.46
			14432-55	21,158.17
			14433	3,947.32
			14434	3,349.74
			14435	969.56
				685,488.29